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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3641**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Donald L. Edberg, et al.  
Filed: September 5, 2003  
Art Unit: 3641  
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Title: BLAST ATTENUATION DEVICE AND METHOD

Docket No.: 038190/268785  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

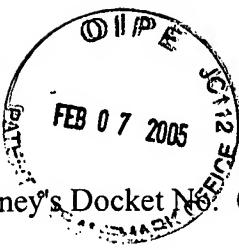
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL in the above-identified patent application.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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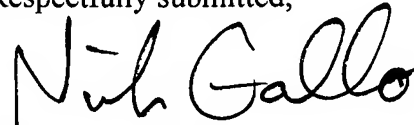
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Respectfully submitted,

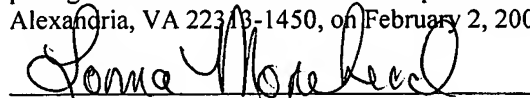


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